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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - August 27, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that John Sullivan was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by United States District Judge Larry A. Burns to serve 60 months in custody and a five-year term of supervised release, based upon Sullivan's plea of guilty to the manufacture of marijuana plants.

In his guilty plea, Sullivan admitted that he grew 300 marijuana plants at a location in San Diego, and that the marijuana was to be distributed for Sullivan's personal financial gain. As noted in court documents, from approximately early 2005 through the summer of 2006, Sullivan was the owner and manager of a number of locations that distributed marijuana and marijuana-based products (including ice cream, candy bars and baked goods) in the San Diego area.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) San Diego Integrated Narcotics Task Force of the trafficking of marijuana by individuals through various locations in San Diego, under the guise of providing "medical marijuana" to members of the community.

**DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 06CR1516-LAB**

John Sullivan

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) - Manufacture of Marijuana Plants (100 plants or more)  
Maximum Penalties: A term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years or more than 40 years in prison and, a maximum fine of \$ 2,000,000, and term of supervised release of at least four years.

**AGENCIES**

San Diego Integrated Narcotics Task Force  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
San Diego Police Department  
San Diego Sheriff's Department